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REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended and claims 5-26 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicants respectfully request entry and examination of new claims 27- 29. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Specification

The examiner has required a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. In response to the Examiner's requirement, applicants have submitted a new title herewith.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-6, 8-11, 13-20 and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,548,450 to Reimer et al.

Claims 5, 6, 8-11, 13-20 and 22-25 are cancelled rendering the rejection to these claims moot. Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 1-4 asserting that Reimer et al. do not teach each and every element of independent claim 1.

Claim 1 defines a medical electrical lead connector arrangement comprising a non-cylindrically shaped connector pin coupled to a lead conductor and including a tip having a threaded surface. Although Reimer et al. describes a polygonal shaped pin 1, the pin of Reimer does not include a threaded surface. Furthermore, the invention of Reimer et al. pertains to an arrangement for mounting a terminal pin to a printed wiring board and the disclosure thereof neither teaches nor suggests the application of the arrangement to implantable medical devices including medical electrical leads.

In light of the above, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-4.

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Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 7, 12, 21 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being patentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,548,450 to Reimer et al. and U.S. Patent No. 3,794,959 to Kamolz.

Claims 7, 12, 21 and 26 are cancelled rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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